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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

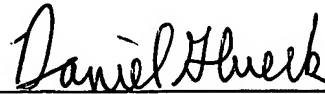
Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a July 19, 2004 Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before October 19, 2004, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the Notice of Allowability on the grounds that, contrary to the statement in the Reasons, Claim 1 does not recite (1) “a compact wide-angle zoom lens”, (2) “three moveable lens units”, and (3) “wherein aberrations engendered in zooming (e.g. which typically tend to increase as the angle-of-view increases) are controlled”.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel S. Glueck", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

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